

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Please replace all prior claims versions and listings with the following listing:

- 1.(currently amended) A porous filter body for filtering soot particles from diesel engine exhaust gasses, the filter body being a honeycomb wall flow filter body in which interconnected porous filter walls, each of which has a gas inlet surface and a gas outlet surface, define a multiplicity of channels, each channel being closed at one end and neighbouring channels being closed at alternate ends, the filter walls being made of a material based on metallic and/or ceramic particles being bonded together, the porosity of the filter wall being constituted by interconnected voids defined between the metallic and/or ceramic particles, the particles directly defining the pores of the material, wherein:  
a catalytically active material catalyzing oxidation of soot ~~is being~~ deposited on at least part of those surface parts of the metallic and/or ceramic particles which are exposed to the voids, and a porous membrane having a smaller pore size than the porous filter walls ~~is being~~ applied to the gas outlet side only of the filter walls.
- 2.(original) A filter body according to claim 1, wherein the filter walls are made of SiC particles bonded together.
3. (currently amended) A filter body according to claim 1 wherein the material ~~filter structure of the~~ filter walls is coated with a coating to increase the active contact surface area of the filter body ~~structure~~ and act as an anchor for the catalytically active ~~coating~~ material.
4. (currently amended) A filter body according to claim 3, wherein the surface-increasing coating is constituted by particles bonded to the particles on which the material of the filtering walls is based.
5. (previously presented) A filter body according to claim 3 wherein the surface-increasing coating is an alumina wash coat.
6. (currently amended) A filter body according to claim 5, wherein the alumina wash coat is stabilized by means of additives comprising ~~such as~~ elements from group I-VI.

7. (currently amended) A filter body according to claim 1 wherein the filter walls are ~~structure is~~ coated with a coating to increase the actual surface area of the filter walls structure and coated with a catalytically active coating based on metals as Ru, Rh, Pt, Pd, Ir, Ni, Cu, V, W, Y, Ce, Ti, Zr or combinations hereof or oxides hereof.
8. (currently amended) A filter body according to claim 1 wherein the ceramic and/or metal particles on which the material of the filtering wall is based have a particle size in the interval 1-250  $\mu\text{m}$ .
9. (currently amended) A filter body according to claim 8, wherein the ceramic and/or metal particles on which the material of the filtering wall is based have a particle size in the interval 10-150  $\mu\text{m}$ .
10. (previously presented) A filter device according to claim 1 wherein the pores of the filter walls have a mean pore size in the interval of 10-200  $\mu\text{m}$ .
11. (original) A filter device according to claim 10, wherein the pores of the filter walls have a mean pore size in the interval of 40-80  $\mu\text{m}$ .
12. (currently amended) A filter body according to claim 1 wherein the porosity of the filter walls is in the interval of 30-90%, ~~such as in the interval of 40-75%.~~
13. (previously presented) A filter body according to claim 1 wherein the porous membrane applied to the gas outlet side of the filter walls has a thickness in the interval 0.05-0.5 mm.
14. (previously presented) A filter body according to claim 1 wherein the porous membrane applied to the gas outlet side of the filter walls is constituted by metallic and/or ceramic particles and/or fibers.
15. (currently amended) A filter body according to claim 14, wherein the size of the particles and/or fibres is smaller than the pore size of the material of the filtering walls.
16. (currently amended) A filter body according to claim 1 wherein the mean pore size of the porous membrane applied to the gas outlet side of the filter walls ~~membrane~~ is in the interval of 2-15  $\mu\text{m}$ .